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1. SUMMARY: THE INITIAL RELATIVELY FAVORABLE COMMENTARY BY FRG SPOKESMEN ON CIEC MINISTERIAL (SEE REFTEL) HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY MORE CRITICAL EVALUATIONS BY ECON MIN STATE SECRETARY ROHWEDDER AS WELL AS BY THE CDU OPPOSITION. A MAJOR DEBATE IS LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE
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IN FRG OVER IMPLICATIONS OF CIEC OUTCOME FOR GERMAN INTERESTS AND POLICY STANCE TO BE TAKEN IN UNCTAD AND OTHER FORA. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A JUNE 7 SPEECH IN HAMBURG ENTITLED "THE RAW MATERIAL SITUATION FROM AN INTERNATIONAL POLICY VIEWPOINT", STATE SECRETARY ROHWEDDER REVIEWED THE

CIEC MINISTERIAL CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING EACH OF THE MAJOR CIEC ISSUES, AND BRIEFLY SURVEYED THE AGENDA FOR FUTURE MAJOR NORTH/SOUTH CONFERENCES: COMMODITY POLICY AND DEBT RELIEF IN UNCTAD, A REVIEW OF THE ENTIRE COMPLEX OF NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SEPTEMBER, THE 1979 UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND THE LOS. PAINTING A BLEAK PICTURE OF NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS, HE POINTED OUT THAT CIEC HAD BEEN UNABLE TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS OF VIEW ON MANY OF THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES, AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR VIGILANCE IN PROTECTING GERMAN INTERESTS IN THE ON GOING DIALOGUE WITH THE THIRD WORLD. HE EXPLAINED THAT THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE CONCESSIONS THE FRG CAN MAKE, FOR THE LIBERAL ORDER OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM MUST NOT BE DESTROYED BY GLOBAL MECHANISMS.

3. ROHWEDDER STRESSED THAT THE FRG HAS REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATED CLEARLY ITS MISGIVINGS OVER THE UNCTAD CONCEPT OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM. THE FRG HAS OFFERED ALTERNATIVES, PARTICULARLY ON IMPROVED SYSTEMS FOR STABILIZING EXPORT EARNINGS, BUT NO AGREEMENT ON THIS APPROACH WAS REACHED IN PARIS.

4. GENERALIZED DEBT RELIEF, IN HIS VIEW, WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE INTOLERABLE BUDGETARY CONSEQUENCES, BUT WOULD NOT INDUCE DEBTOR COUNTRIES TO ACT MORE CAUTIOUSLY IN THE FUTURE. "THE NEXT DEBT LIQUIDATION WOULD THUS BE PREPROGRAMMED FROM THE START."

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5. THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES THEMSELVES WERE ALSO NOT FULFILLED AT CIEC, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THEIR INTEREST IN ENERGY CONSULTATIONS, ASSURANCE OF RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY, AND INVESTMENT PROTECTION.

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6. STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, ROHWEDDER PARTICULARLY DEPLORED THE FAILURE OF THE LDCS IN PARIS TO ACCEPT PRECISE INTERNATIONAL CRITERIA FOR ASSURING AN IMPROVED INVESTMENT CLIMATE.

7. ROHWEDDER FORESAW THAT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVOLVE THE EAST BLOC COUNTRIES MORE DEEPLY IN
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RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSISTING THE THIRD WORLD. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE LDCS THEMSELVES ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING THE EASTERN DISCLAIMERS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE "HERITAGE OF WESTERN COLONIALISM".

8. IN REVIEWING THE FUTURE AGENDA FOR N/S MEETINGS, ROHWEDDER PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON GERMAN INTERESTS IN THE 1979 UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. WHILE AGREEING THAT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER MUST BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE GERMAN CONTRIBUTION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HE STRONGLY REJECTED THE

CONCEPT THAT GERMAN TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE DECLARED SOME SORT OF COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE. TECHNOLOGY IN HIS VIEW WAS NOT ONLY THE RESULT OF LONG-TERM AND COSTLY WORK; THE FRG IS DEPENDENT ON IT JUST AS THE LDCS DEPEND ON OIL AND COMMODITY EXPORTS.

9. THE CDU OPPOSITION AS WELL HAS BEGUN TO WEIGH IN WITH CRITICAL COMMENTARY ON THE OUTCOME OF THE CIEC MINISTERIAL, PARTICULARLY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF A COMMON FUND. COMMENT: THE CDU IS LIKELY TO REQUEST A PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE, IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE AS MUCH POLITICAL CAPITAL AS POSSIBLE ON THE CHARGE THAT THE GOVERNMENT SACRIFICED MAJOR GERMAN INTERESTS IN A FRUITLESS EFFORT TO APPEASE THE THIRD WORLD. ROHWEDDER'S SPEECH MAY HAVE BEEN CONCEIVED AS AN EFFORT TO DEFUSE SUCH AN ATTACK BY POINTING OUT THAT IT IS MUCH MORE VITAL TO ASSESS AND DEFEND BASIC GERMAN INTERESTS IN FUTURE SESSIONS THAN TO REHASH PAST EVENTS. END COMMENT.

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